

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

COLUMBIA

10/8/73

Executive Order

WHEREAS, it appears to my satisfaction that O. M. Shealy, City Councilman of the County of Lexington, has been duly indicted by the Grand Jury on charges of Official Misconduct in violation of the Laws of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Shealy is scheduled to be brought to trial within days after said indictment, and

WHEREAS, under the above cited circumstances, I, as Governor of the State of South Carolina, am exercising the authority vested in me by Section 50-1- of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, to wit:

Any State or County Officer who is indicted in any court for any crime may, in the discretion of the Governor, be suspended by the Governor, who in event of suspension shall appoint in his stead until he shall be acquitted. In case of conviction the office shall be declared vacant by the Governor and the vacancy filled as provided by law.

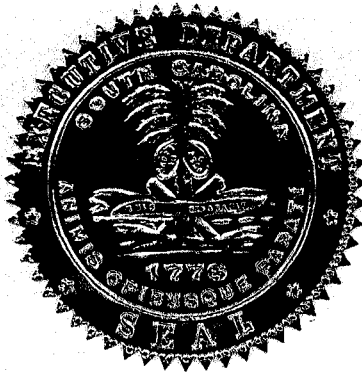
NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS;

(1) The immediate suspension of O. M. Shealy from the office of Councilman of Lexington County until he is formally tried and either acquitted or convicted;

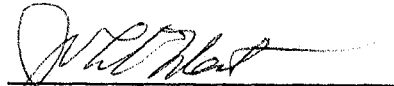
(2) The immediate assumption of the duties of the office of Councilman of Lexington County by Elsie Rast in accordance with the above mentioned Law.

This action by me in no manner addresses itself to the question of the guilt or innocence of Councilman Shealy, as that matter is properly before

a court of competent jurisdiction and shall be determined in accordance with the laws.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of South Carolina at Columbia, South Carolina, this 8th day of October, 1973.

  
John C. West  
Governor of South Carolina

ATTEST:

  
O. Frank Thornton  
Secretary of State